

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2007

President William F. Sexton called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Vice President Lorri Wickberg and Council members Sandi Snyder, Jennifer Granat and Paul Childress. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Pomeroy, Attorney Patrick Lyp, police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Lewis Craig, Building Commissioner Brenda Brueckheimer, Public Works Director Karl Bauer and Town Engineer Shem Khalil.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wickberg made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Childress made the second. Vote 4-0 with Granat voting present.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Childress made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$89,905.29, Granat made the second. Vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Sexton asked for Council approval to adjust the agenda to move the Christmas Decorating Contest winners to the top of the agenda. Council members approved by consensus. Judges for the contest were Karen Pisowicz and Linda Hodges who stated that again this was a very hard task 1st place went to Jody & Jill Wading, 2nd place to James & Sherry Fennell and 3rd to Bill & Arlene McGrogan. Also, they awarded a lifetime achievers plaque to Donald & Nancy Whisler and Bruce & Jean Daniels.

CLERK TREASURERS REPORT

Pomeroy stated that the Porter Beach parking permits have arrived. She reminded residents that in order to receive a parking permit for \$5.00 that both their Indiana Drivers License and Vehicle Registration must show the Town of Porter. Pomeroy also said that the Town Hall office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30pm and a resident that can not make those hours may make a copy of their car registration and drivers license and mail it to the Town Hall with a self-addressed stamped envelope plus the applicable fee and they would send a beach permit to them.

Pomeroy also reminded residents that the MS4 billing would appear on their February bill for the months of December and January which will be due in March. The fee is \$4.00 per month.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Lyp reported that he had received the "taxi cab ordinance" from Chief Spanier and was still reviewing and would have ready for the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Spanier had nothing to report

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Craig reminded that landlords could pick-up the smoke detectors applications at the Town Hall, Police Station and also the Fire Department. These forms are due by January 31st.

Craig also reminded residents to display their home addresses so that they can be seen at night for emergency personnel. Residents can also flick their porch lights on and off when they hear emergency help on their way.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Bauer reported that RV Sutton would be installing a new storm drain on Dune Meadows Drive; the next storm drain would be repaired at Hawthorne Park and then Carlson Corners and Mineral Springs Road.
- Bauer said that 2 more employees were being certified for mosquito spraying. Bauer is working on a plan with Mug-A-Bug to help alleviate the mosquito problem.
- Christmas trees may be placed at the curb for pick-up or dropped off at the Public Works Department between the hours of 7:00am till 3:30pm.
- Gasvoda has been working on repairing lift stations.
- Shem presented a construction permit application for Phase 1 of the Oak Hill lift station upgrade which will cross Hwy 20 and will need approval of IDOT. Childress made the motion to accept the application and Wickberg made the second. Vote 5-0.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brueckheimer asked the Council if she could attend a seminar in Indy for flood zone mapping next month. The Council approved by consensus. She also presented a list of 122 new contractors for 2007 Snyder made the motion to approve with Granat making the second. Vote 5-0.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Board President Zathoe Sexton stated that the Dunes Meadow Park would be receiving park equipment this week.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCONNECT AGREEMENT FROM INDIANA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY will be ready for next meeting according to Attorney Lyp.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Park Board has appointed James Miller as Superintendent. Snyder made a motion to approve all current department heads for 2007 and Childress made the second. Vote 5-0.

Childress asked Pomeroy to contact James Mandon, Town Planner and Karl Cender, Town Financial Advisor for a contract. Attorney Lyp of BTBH and Shem Town Engineer of Haas & Associates were also told to submit a contract.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS was as follows:

- ✓ **BZA-** Sexton stated that William Donley (D) had submitted his resignation and Bruce Snyder (R) had submitted a letter to remain on the BZA. Wickberg made the motion to retain Snyder and Granat made the second. Vote 4-0 with Sandi Snyder abstaining. Snyder's term will expire 12/31/2010. Sexton noted that replacing Donley was a presidential appointment. No Democrats had applied yet.
- ✓ **PLAN COMMISSION:** Childress made the motion to retain Loraine Bell (R) and Snyder made the second. Vote 5-0. His term will expire 12/31/2010. Sexton noted that Brenda Brueckheimer's term will expire 12/31/2007.
- ✓ **REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:** Sexton made the Presidential appointments of Sexton, Childress and Wickberg. Granat made a motion to appoint Al Raffin (R) and Michael Genger (R) and Childress made the second for the above board appointments. These are yearly appointments.
- ✓ **PARK BOARD:** Sexton made the Presidential appointment of Rondi Wightman (D) expiring 12/31/2010.
- ✓ **STORMWATER BOARD:** Wickberg made the motion to appoint William Cantrell (D) and Childress made the second. Vote 5-0. His term will expire 12/31/2009.
- ✓ **POLICE COMMISSION:** Granat made the motion to approve William Donley (D) and Wickberg made the second. Vote 5-0. His term will expire 12/31/009.
- ✓ **NIRPC:** Sexton appointed himself as a Presidential appointment. This is a yearly appointment.
- ✓ **DEDC:** Jennifer Granat (R) will replace Bruce Snyder on this board.

DEPARTMENT LIASIONS:

Police Department: Jennifer Granat
Fire Department: Paul Childress
Public Works: Lorri Wickberg
Park Board: Sandi Snyder
Town Hall: William Sexton

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

CHILDRESS: asked that the Rainy Day Fund be placed on the next agenda. He also stated that the Council had received a letter from the Liberty Recreation League seeking a donation and by consensus the Council agreed not to donate to this cause.

SEXTON: Thanked the Council for electing him President. He is hoping the Council will make 2007 their best year yet. He gave a brief review of what has been accomplished: the Town is better off financially and more solvent, has saved significant amount of money for health insurance by shopping for a better package, implemented sensible ordinances such as the beach parking, parade and nuisance ordinances, the Fire Department one of the best equipped and has modern and up-to-date equipment, working on bringing water to Dunes Forest, Porter Beach and Sunset Street, working on bringing the

pedestrian and bike trail to reality, forming the TAC commission which is a great asset, in the process of replacing sewer lines on Beam Street, and thanked Pomeroy for making this years state audit one of the shortest in years and preparing all ordinances and information for codifying the records, also thanked the Town employees for all their hard work and all Boards and Commissions. He is looking forward to this year. Childress made the motion to adjourn and Snyder made the second. Vote 5-0.

Dated this ____ day of January, 2007.

William F. Sexton, President

Lorri Wickberg, Vice President

Sandi Snyder

Jennifer Granat

Paul Childress

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer